

DANA WARD NEWS

6-2013 Issue



BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

"The keys of the kingdom of God are committed unto man on the earth" (D&C 65:2).

This month's theme for Come Follow Me is Priesthood and Priesthood Keys. It is a fitting that President Johnson has asked that all families and individuals in the Mesa South Stake to watch the leadership training videos found at <https://www.lds.org/training/wwlt/2013?lang=eng>. These videos teach us how the Priesthood can bless families, individuals, and the Church. This challenge to be completed in the month of June. If you do not have access to the internet please see any member of the Bishopric for a copy of the videos on DVD. As you watch these videos we invite you to contemplate how the Priesthood has blessed your life. The following paragraphs from the Church's manual "True to the Faith" remind us of the simple yet powerful doctrines of the Priesthood- The priesthood is the eternal power and authority of God.

*Through the priesthood God created and governs the heavens
and the earth. Through this power He redeems and exalts
His children, bringing to pass "the immortality and eternal
life of man" (Moses 1:39).*

*Although the authority of the priesthood is bestowed
only on worthy male members of the Church, the blessings of
the priesthood are available to all—men, women, and children.
We all benefit from the influence of righteous priesthood
leadership, and we all have the privilege of receiving
the saving ordinances of the priesthood.*

I testify that the Priesthood authority and power are found in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I invite all who hold the Priesthood to be sure that we are worthily using it to bless the lives of others.

Brother Wesley Filhart



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News From Around The Ward

The Poston 7th grade soccer team won the city soccer tournament against Kino Jr. high on Saturday, May 11th.

Mason Redd is part of that championship team.

Good job Mason!

Brother Al Celik was ordained to the office of a Priest by Kimball Rogers on May 19th. All of the members of the Priest Quorum were able to join in the circle.

Mason Redd and Brandon Boone are working on getting things together for their Eagle Project. Look for more information to come.

We would like to congratulate Andrew Wood on his baptism on May 18th. He was baptized and confirmed by Elder Brown. Way to go Andrew!

We welcome home Elder Joseph Stark from the Mexico Monterey Mission. He returned from serving faithfully for two years on May 29th. We can look forward to hearing his report in Sacrament Meeting on June 9th. Well done Elder Stark.

The following students Lettered at Mesa High School:

Brenden Merkley - Choir

Brandon Boone - Orchestra

Kimball Rogers - Choir & Orchestra

Courtney Eyring - Tennis

Larissa Hunt - Tennis

Congratulations are in order for the following students who graduated from Seminary:

Brenden Merkley

Amber Blau

Kyndra Hassell

Courtney Eyring

Larissa Hunt

Brandon Boone

Chris Martinez

Congratulations to our Dana Ward High School Graduates:

Cherish Beals

Amber Blau

Brandon Boone

Austin Droke

Courtney Eyring

Kyndra Hassell

Larissa Hunt

Brenden Merkley

mark your calendars

Jan Feb Mar Apr May **Jun** Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Start brushing up on those talents everyone.

June 21st is right around the corner and The Dana Ward Talent Show will give you the opportunity to showcase those little gems. Enjoy the show as well as a Pot Luck Dinner that evening. Please look for the information in the ward bulletin.

Stake Conference will be held on June 16th.

Summer Family History Goal: The stake has set a goal for June, July and August. Each ward is Challenged to find 100 names and get them temple ready within those 3 months. Please contact Sister Chris Martin to help you in any way. Good luck. Let's shine.

New Callings:

Sis. Clelland - Primary Worker

Sis. Wood - Primary Worker

We wish all our special dads in the Dana Ward
a very Happy Father's Day on June 16th.



The Reynolds family

welcomed a baby girl

on May 18th

June Arlyce Ann Reynolds

8 lbs 14 oz

The Heywood family

welcomed a baby boy

on May 22nd

Kason Kyle Heywood

9 lbs 9 oz



MISSIONARY MAIL



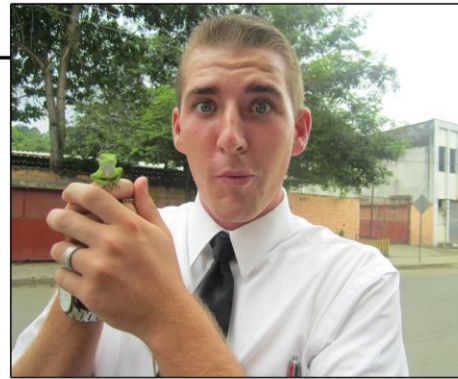
Elder Brandon Eyring
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The new area is going so good; we saw a lot of miracles last week. We don't have any one set for baptism but we have a lot of prospective people that are really close. We got three new investigators this week. This one guy seems like a future kingdom builder. He got a notebook and took notes of what we thought would be good scriptural passages for him. And we set up to see him and his family next week. So that is exciting!! My mission is like a pair of shoes, to be worn out in diligence!!!

I have learned a lot lately about the atonement, and how it doesn't matter where you are at in life, there is hope for the light of the gospel, and each person can take the righteous footsteps forward to enter into that light and receive blessings and change, it's amazing. The gospel is so simple and perfect. The Holy Ghost will teach the missionary new truths and bring to a remembrance all the things that he has studied, it will carry the truth to the heart of the hearer, and as the missionary teaches both the teacher and the listener will be edified, and so obviously I must live up to my end of the deal to obtain this, which is to pray for the Spirit, purify my heart, strive to keep the commandments, study diligently, and exercise my faith. That's all the Lord requires, is a willing heart and our best efforts, not someone else's efforts, cause they might be able to do more or give more, we just have to worry about us, that's our only obligation, to do all that WE can do, not what someone else can do, then we will become who we are designed to become. Well the gospel is true, therefore nothing else matters (-President Millet).

Love, Elder Eyring

Elder Trevor Schnepf
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Okay this week we did a lot of work. On Saturday was Elder Medinas birthday and we had a dinner with the Segura family. It was an awesome time just some rice, chicken, and beans as usual. We had an exchange with the Zone leaders and it was so fun. They live in an area where the water is really slimy so I had a really delicious shower. But what was good about it was that the Branch Pres. has a daughter that is like losing her way basically. So we invited her to go work with us and she accepted so we were walking and all the appointments were falling through and we passed by a church and the ZI just jokingly told her to give them a book of Mormon. So she accepted and she did it. (i recorded it) she shared her testimony and the pastor accepted it. It was very shocking she basically confounded him. Then we went to the Branch pres. house for dinner and he told us of his conversion story which I will not say for the moment for future purposes. But it was so powerful the spirit was so strong that night and the daughter said that she wanted to come with us again to visit app. So the mom was super excited and emotional because she wants her daughter to go on a mission. So that is our goal to get her on the mission. It will be a great experience. So we have great plans for this week and a lot of work to do. I will be calling you at about 2:00 or 2:30 ecuatetime. okay. so it will be right after lunch. i love you all have a great week. be safe and buy something for mom that we all can take advantage of. haha like always.

Elder Schnepf



MISSIONARY MAIL



Elder Kevin Hale
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Hello Family and Friends!!

How is life going?? Life here is great! Well, yeah... Last week after email, we went to go buy our food and other materials at the store and as we were leaving, I set my agenda down to look at a backpack... My agenda was still there when we left... So I lost my agenda with all of our appointments and contacts from the past 3 weeks. But all is well, we just have to start over again and keep working!

Well, we have been teaching this man, Juan, and he is awesome. He is super receptive to us and what we are sharing with him. He told us that he was a different man before and doesn't want to go back to his former life. We told him that we must have been sent to him for a reason and he loves to meet with us. I am super excited to continue to work with him and he tells us that we bring a great spirit with us every time we come! The people are so prepared!!

Thank you for all the updates and support. I am loving all of the emails I am getting but it is super difficult to respond to everyone and still have time to do the other things I need to do! But all is well and I just have to organize my time a little better. There are so many things that I have already learned here on a mission that I hope I will never forget. Like how to study and also how to use my time more wisely. One other thing that I realized this past week is that when I was a kid, I always had to watch out and not get in the way when the adults were talking and it was something important. I have realized that now, I'm starting to be in those conversations. Something small and not too important but I thought it was interesting!

The pictures. 1) We made a Queque!! (cake) It was super simple and super delicious! (I'm getting really fat...) 2) Elder Jarpa can spin a Book of Mormon on his finger and I am trying to learn the same.

3) Dad, I thought you would appreciate that one. Bishop Eyring as well. Someone is stealing electricity.... Haha.

All of the little kids are getting so big! It'll be so weird to get home and have them walking and talking!! I'm super excited!!

Well, I have to go but thanks again for everything! I can really feel your love and prayers!

Love,

Elder Hale

5/6/13

Happy Mothers Day! I am super excited to be able to talk this Sunday with all of you! It is a great time to remember everything that you mothers have done for us! I love it!

This week has been really good! Elder Jarpa and I have been working hard and we have been able to work with a lot of members. Once again, the members are key to this work and you all are doing a great job! Keep it up! We have been teaching some investigators and trying to get them to come to church but it is really difficult because a lot of people work or live a good distance away from the chapel. There isn't much that we can do but just invite them to come. Also having a member present in the lessons that can potentially take them to church and sit with them is amazing. The investigators all need a good friend that can answer their questions when the missionaries aren't there. So great!

This week was my birthday and we also had interviews with President Kahnlein. He is awesome and is such a great mission president. I was able to talk with him and it is really nice to see when my mission president really cares for me personally when he has about 200 other missionaries to think about as well. It reminds me of our Heavenly Father who loves, cares, and knows each one of us personally. It is so exciting! My Spanish is really coming along and I am still making mistakes every day!! But the only way to learn is to mess up right? Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts! I love you all!

Elder Hale

5/20/13

Dear Friends and Family,

This week as well has been good. We have been trying to find new people to teach but at times, it has been difficult. We were actually just given a golden investigator who has been attending church with her boyfriend for 10 months in his ward but needs to be baptized in our ward. She is great and will be baptized! We also found another lady last night and she seems like she will be a great investigator. She has a niece that is a member that is inactive but hopefully she will come back as she helps her aunt as well!

I have learned a lot this week. We had zone meeting this past week and a lot of the rules in our mission have changed little bits and it will take faith to be obedient to these rules and not lose some of the trust of our members. We just need to explain to them that these rules are from God to help us and not from our mission president just giving more rules. Also, the pamphlets for the lessons are amazing. I have not really thought about using the picture to teach many principles but now, I most definitely will. Those show all the points of the lessons so clearly it's amazing!

We also learned about the temple in Elder's quorum on Sunday and it was great! Elder Jarpa taught Gospel Principles this past Sunday as well and it will probably be my turn this next week!

But yeah! That has been my week and I'm super excited! I love hearing from you all and look forward to next week!

Love,

Elder Hale



MISSIONARY MAIL



Elder Sheldon Hassell
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Hello all.

This past week has been very good. OK, I have to start with a great miracle. We have been teaching a couple, Araceli and Alfredo. She has been to church many times and has been taught now for like a year. He started showing interest in the gospel right before I got into this area. We were teaching them, nothing was really happening, they weren't progressing or keeping commitments. A few weeks ago we tried to see them and she said things aren't really going well. So we stopped by this past Friday to see them, had a Charla franca, basically told them how things were and asked if they were ready to make this change in their lives. He said he was, so we setup to go back the next day. Well he kept his appointment, she had to run an errand, but he was there so we were able to teach him. We committed them to come to church and they had come before but NEVER stayed for the most important part, sacrament meeting, because of their two kids (adorable by the way) Jacob and Anayi. Well sacrament meeting started and still none of our investigators had shown up. The opening prayer was said and afterwards in walked Araceli Alfredo and Family. We were so excited. The kids didn't hardly even make a peep during the whole thing, very reverent. The Lord does work miracles ACCORDING TO OUR FAITH.

That is something that I am really learning, I feel, lately. It requires no effort to not exercise faith. I think that is the key word that we have to EXERCISE faith in order to get results. Our mission President said at one time during a meeting or something, a quote that I found as I was going through my study journal this past week or so. He said "If faith can move Mountains, then surely it can Move Investigators." Patience I am learning really is an attribute of Christ as we learn in Preach my Gospel. Alfredo told us as we taught him on Saturday "thank you Hermanos for being patient with me."

That just melted my heart because I had thought on various times "he's just not going anywhere, we need to find those who are ready and really willing to progress." I am not saying the victory is won just because he has started, the road that lies ahead is not a smooth, easy one to travel. But as Elder Holland said "the Road to Calvary passes through Gethsemane and carries with it a cross that must be carried at least to the summit." He spoke about this in a talk called "Missions are Forever" given in the MTC. He said we as missionaries and our investigators will have some crosses to carry. But the wonderful thing is we have access to divine help. Heavens help is waiting. I know that sometimes just as mortal beings living in an imperfect world, we forget that and either try taking things on by ourselves or we are saddened, disappointed, etc.

Have a wonderful week.

Con Amor,
Elder Hassell

5/20/13

Well, I know you all want to know what mission I am going to be in. The suspense is probably killing you at this point, you've bitten the last fingernail from your finger.....

Well sadly, I have been sworn to secrecy and have been forbidden to divulge this information at this point in time, as things are still unclear. OK just kidding everyone. We got calls Saturday, I am being moved from the Albany area, after 3 wonderful transfers and am going a hop, skip and a jump (literally) 9 miles down the road to Corvallis. That puts me just barely safely inside the Great OREGON EUGENE MISSION-HOOOORAY!!!!!!

I am very excited to be able to stay with my wonderful mission president, President Young. He is truly a man called of GOD. I have such love and respect for that man; it's hard to explain the connection between missionary and mission President, that I feel so blessed to have.

My new companion is a native speaker. I don't know too much about him at all. His name is Elder Garcia and I won't meet him till about 2:30 today. I am so excited to be able to take my Spanish to the next level though. I am also so excited to work in Corvallis. I have heard such great things about this area and a lot of the members here in Albany have friends in Corvallis and work over there, so it is quite possible I will get to run into them again.

My companion, Elder Johnson, and I have had a wonderful time together during his training. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity of working with such a dedicated heartfelt missionary who truly loves what he is doing; that has a firm testimony and a great desire to do what is right. He is going to a little town called Venita. It's near Eugene and he is going to actually be switching, at least for this transfer, to English and will be follow up training a new missionary. Follow up training means that a new missionary has been out only 6 weeks and their trainer is switched and they finish the next 6 weeks with another missionary. He's a bit nervous about it but I know he can do it and so does President Young. So that means with both of us going that the area is being whitewashed, as Albany as of July 1 will be part of the new Salem mission. The new missionaries coming in are Elder Ashcraft and Elder Preston. I was companions with Elder Preston in the MTC, then for 1 transfer here in the field, in Bend. So that is pretty funny. Then the other elder, Elder Ashcraft, came out in the same group as Elder Johnson. So it's pretty funny because Elder Preston and I have been out the same time and Elder Ashcraft and Johnson the same time. Kinda just a little switcheroo.

Well we still have some preparation notes to write, to make sure the new missionaries can pick up with the work we have done in this great area, so until next week....

Con Amor,
Elder Hassell



MISSIONARY MAIL



Elder Sheldon Hassell
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When we got here to this area last Monday, we called the group leader, Brother Wolfe. He took us over to his house and we were able to eat dinner, then had Family home evening. Afterwards Brother Rios gave us a ride home. We did a lot of tracting this past week, really trying to find a lot of new investigators to teach. The other missionaries were taken out of the area because one of the Elders (Elder French) had to go home for emergency surgery. So it'd been several weeks since they were here. We kind of scrambled around, calling people, trying to see who they had worked with and where we could pick up this week. We were actually able to find one new investigator, so that was really cool. My companion is Mexican. He moved here to the states about 8 years ago, when he was 15. Elder Garcia was trained by Elder Anderson who I sent you a picture of a couple weeks ago. He's an awesome missionary, has a real love for the gospel and knows what difference it makes in peoples lives because it saved his family. We speak to each other in Spanish 90% or more of the time. I love it. I can already tell my skills are improving, even after only 1 week.

The following is the letter I sent to my mission President. Things are going very good now and I know that Heavenly Father will help us through all things. In a meeting a few weeks ago someone said: "God knows our doubts, fears and weaknesses, but he also knows are dreams." I know that is true.

I would like to share something with you, an answer to prayer.

I got to this area of Corvallis and was fine the first day, but then doubts started to creep in and I thought the area book hasn't been updated, our teaching pool is super small and it just doesn't seem possible. I was feeling quite overwhelmed by what I thought was lacking. I also got thinking how in the previous two areas I had been in I hadn't had any baptisms. I read my patriarchal blessing to seek comfort on a couple occasions this week. I turned to the Lord in prayer and this Sunday as part of the Fast for Elder French, I also included a special plea that Heavenly Father would help me to have faith. I really felt that my faith was weak and I was doubting.

I testify with all the energy of Heart that my Heavenly Father Answered that prayer. During church our group mission leader related the story of his Brother who served a faithful mission, was a great missionary, but then fell off the path when he got home and started hanging out with the wrong people. He talked about how he ended up loosing his testimony and even going to jail because of the choices he made. The spirit brought to my remembrance your words about being converted to the Lord and staying strong after my mission, even then I was reflecting on what my Brother in Law told me about success in the mission, how he knew missionaries that didn't have a lot of baptisms but they gave their missions everything and loved it, while others baptized a whole lot but are now less active and want nothing to do with the church. He explained the difference in success about becoming converted myself.

Then after church, as if what I had already felt and learned wasn't enough, we were talking to our WML and he said "Well let's just get out there and find more people. I know it's hard when you don't have a lot of people in your teaching pool, but have faith, don't get discouraged. Faith really does bring miracles and besides this is fun"

Con Amor,
Elder Hassell



MISSIONARY MAIL



Elder Steele Crandell
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Dear Familia,

How ya'll doing? If you are worried about me, don't be or not much anyway. Life is good here for the most part. Food is good. First day I got here was right after lunch so I ate at 6 am and then at 545 pm, so I was getting super stressed out with everything going on and no food. After all the classes and dinner and and we were in our "residence" and I gathered everyone together all 4 in our room and we had a "Quadcompanionship" prayer and after that it really helped me realize that I'll be ok here and on the mission. But it is a ton of fun. There are people from all over the world and definately more sister missionaries. So many good people are here. It is so cool to see no one texting. Everyone looks so engaged and intelligent so that is cool. The days are long, weeks are getting shorter. We are up and out of bed at 6:30 and in bed by 10:30 and every moment in between is completely filled with classes and activities. Last night we got to our room at 10:00 pm instead of 9:00 pm but we had a very spiritual branch president meeting, where I was called to be the DL (district leader) and it was received very well by both zone and district. After that meeting, Elder Sellers asked for a blessing of comfort so the elders from our district gathered together and placed our hand on his head and his companion Elder Lovelin in the blessing. It was wonderful and it also helped pull the elders together in our district which is all good. The classes are really getting me to think and act. I'm even starting to take notes. Today, me and my companion, Elder Burdick, taught an "investigator" (a teacher that acts like one although very convincing). It truly humbled us both and at least I know that I am getting truer knowledge of what a great but very difficult mission, but that all of everything starts with love whether with an investigator, the wards, or even the companions you are placed with. I am, I think, I am a bit more nervous about the field and I wish now I could stay in the MTC for the first year to learn as much as I can. Although I know I will learn much much more whether I am willing or not, but I am willing, and excited to brighten others' lives.

Your boy,
Elder Crandell

Letter from the Texas Dallas Mission Home:

This is just a short note to let you know that your missionary has arrived safely in the Texas Dallas Mission. He has been fed, interviewed by President Durrant, and is in orientation meetings the remainder of his first day here. He will meet his trainer tomorrow morning and go from there to his first assigned area. He will let you know in your email on Monday what his new address is and tell you about his trainer.

Letter from Elder Crandell:

hey mom I was just put into my first area and am the only new missionary to put out of dallas..... I am in Durant, Oklahoma. so far so good I just got here. my companion is elder Munday. he is originally from England. real nice kid, he is showing me around and im not as nervous as I thought I would be. the mtc experience was great and I loved most of it. the difficult parts was the end of the last week when I became very ill, but through that I was able to use my faith in Christ and in the power of the priesthood to get closer to him and be better able to serve him.

5/20/13

I live kinda out in the sticks a little bit but we have a nice apartment and a car so that's debateably my favorite part. yes we are in heavy tornado country we have been on tornado watch twice this week, so thats always exciting, havnt seen a tornado yet and truly dont plan too either. yes your package was wonderful it really brightened my day and i shared with my companion in the mtc because his family never sent him anything so it made him happier as well so thank you so much for that. Yes Elder Munday was born and raised in England until 12 he then moved back and forth to florida utah and england because his dad is a buisness man and required much traveling he went to high school in american fork utah though, nice kid but so far we have got alot of work done so far we have 2 baptisms this week on wednesdayso thats super exciting and ill be baptising (elder munday is 6'7" and about 350 pounds) so he is not particularly fond of doing it so i was more than glad to volenteer. He is a great guy mostly down to earth and truly cares about other people so its nice to be around him. I am in a college town but one i have never heard of haha not at all like tempe it is super small here everything is really spread apart and there are alot of welders here, there is like 5 pipelines going through the town so they need alot of welders right here right now like a ton of welders in town, i havent really seen that many college kids yet there is also a really big casino so alot of people work there. weather is really nice it does get pretty humid after it rains but not to bad. i am so proud of lizzie make sure to give her a kiss on the head for me. sorry i havent written back to your letter you and lizzie both wrote me i just am so busy during the day the ward that we cover is about 62 miles north and south and 56 miles east and west and the next closest missionarries are in McKinney which is about an hour and half away. thank you for the message of the law of consencration it really helps me to get the proper mindset on what i need to be doing with all my time and energy while out here. and we are singing a song, my companion and i at the baptism so i will record it and send it your way.

love you with all my heart your boy
Elder Crandell

So funny thing for the week we went into a home but i knocked on the door and the man is sitting down on the couch drinking a beer watching tv and yells "Com on in", and i doubled checked and asked if he was sure then he says "well i aint gonna say go away", so i said alright walked right on in and then he realized who i was because he thought i was his brother. but i obviously was not who he thought i was but we taught about the restoration and have a return appointment.

Elder Crandell